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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : ஒவ்வொரு சோஷியல் வெல்பேர் செண்டரிலும் இந்தப் பத்திரிகை உபயோகப்படுத்தப்படுகிறது. ஆங்காங்கு அவைகளைக் கவனித்துக்கொள்வதற்கு உபாத்தியாயர்கள் நியமிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள்.

Time-limit for confirmation of teachers in aided elementary institutions

* 7 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the time-limit within which teachers in aided elementary institutions are to be confirmed; and

(*b*) whether broken periods of service under the same management are taken into account in computing such time-limit?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Three years.

(*b*) No, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware that in view of the fact that there is this time-limit of 3 years, the managements take advantage of this, that a large number of teachers are sent out during vacation, that their services are terminated in April tself and that they are re-entertained on the re-opening of the schools without allowing them any increments and without allowing them any privileges of previous service?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is under the consideration of the Government how to rectify that.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Government kindly instruct the Inspecting Officers to see that where such teachers are re-entertained with a break, such breaks do not stand in the way of their getting their vacation salary or enjoying other privileges like increments, etc.?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not know whether it will be possible to pay them the vacation salary. But once they are made permanent, then their services would be continuous without any break. The question is that the break also should be taken into consideration in confirming them there. The matter is engaging the attention of the Government. It is the intention that they should be treated in the same way as men in Government service and that breaks should not stand in the way, provided they have completed three years' service before the break.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know whether their previous service would be considered for the purpose of increment and leave salary, though not for purposes of pension and other benefits?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Here the question is that before they are made permanent, if the service is broken in-between then it is taken as a fresh appointment.

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SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Government consider granting them increments generally?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : But now the private managements treat the appointments as fresh ones and, therefore, the previous service is not available for purposes of leave salary or increment.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Government kindly see that such breaks as can be avoided by the managements are avoided, that a rule is passed in favour of elementary school teachers that they should not be sent away and that the Inspecting Officers are advised to see that the rule is strictly enforced?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have already stated that this is engaging the attention of the Government.

Exploitation of iron ores

* 8 *Q*.—SRI A. SUBRAMANYAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government for the exploitation of iron ores in Salem district; and

(*b*) if so, whether the iron ores will be reserved for exploitation by the Central Government or the State Government or whether it will be leased to any private individual?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) It is expected that a large commercial plant for the manufacture of pig iron from the iron ores of Salem district will be set up in the public sector by the Government of India, as soon as certain preliminary investigations are carried out successfully at the National Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur. Meanwhile, licences are being granted for a few applicants for the establishment of small pig iron plants based on the Salem ores, the capacity of the plants being limited to 15,000 tons per year.

SRI A. SUBRAMANYAM: கனம் தலைவர் அவர்களே, கோயம்பத்தூரில் உள்ள ஒரு கம்பெனிக்கு அந்தத் தொழிற்சாலையை நடத்துவதற்கு காண்ட்ராக்ட் கொடுக்கப்பட்டதா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : ஆம் ; கோயம்பத்தூரில் உள்ள ஒரு கம்பெனிக்கு லைசென்ஸ் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது.

SRI A. SUBRAMANYAM : கனம் தலைவர் அவர்களே, சேலத்தில் இருப்பவர்களுக்கு ஏன் அந்த காண்ட்ராக்டை கொடுக்கவில்லை என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன் ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : சேலத்தில் இருந்தாலும் சரி, கோயம்பத்தூரில் இருந்தாலும் சரி எல்லோருக்கும் சம உரிமைதான் வழங்கப்படுகிறது. சேலத்திலிருந்து இந்த விஷயமாக ஒரு அப்பிளிகேஷனும் வரவில்லை.